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Town of Weare Finance Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of January 6, 2010

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 7:05 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room in the Town Office.

Present were Janet Benson, Gregg Elwood, Neal Kurk, Diane McDowell, John Rauscher, Ike Shepard, and Mark Sullivan.

1. **Minutes:** the revised minutes of the December 10, 2009, meeting were approved.

2. **Updated schedule:** the Committee's meeting schedule was changed slightly. January 20 at 6 p.m. and 27th and February 3d at 7 p.m.

3. **Division reports:** Mr. Shepard and Mr. Kurk reviewed the position of the Board of Selectmen with respect to their December 28, 2009, letter requesting budget changes necessary to produce a budget with no tax increase. The Board declined to provide the requested information. Messrs. Elwood, Rauscher and Sullivan reviewed the response of the Weare and John Stark school boards to the same request. The school boards provided detailed proposals and comments on their impact.

5. **Recommendations:** the Committee discussed how it might best communicate its recommendations to voters, considering budget limitations. It was agreed that the chairman and as many members as possible will appear at all budget hearings where the chairman will present the Committee's position. Mr. Sullivan proposed a position statement that was approved by members. He was asked to check tax rate impacts with Mr. Starr, the SAU business manager, and email the statement to all Committee members. Mr. Kurk was asked to do the same for the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal M. Kurk
Secretary